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To establish the Small Business Information Security Task Force.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. AKIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee
on Small Business

A BILL

To establish the Small Business Information Security Task
Force.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Small Business Infor-
5 mation Security Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. INFORMATION SECURITY TASK FORCE.**

7 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Administrator of the
8 Small Business Administration shall establish a task force,
9 to be known as the Small Business Information Security
10 Task Force, to address the information technology secu-
11 rity needs of small businesses.

1 (b) DUTIES.—The task force shall—

2 (1) identify—

3 (A) the information technology security
4 needs of small businesses; and

5 (B) the programs and services of the Ad-
6 ministration, and of the Federal Government as
7 a whole, that serve those needs;

8 (2) assess the extent to which those programs
9 and services serve those needs;

10 (3) make recommendations to the Adminis-
11 trator on how to more effectively serve those needs;

12 (4) promote those programs and services; and

13 (5) inform and educate with respect to those
14 needs and those programs and services.

15 (c) INTERNET PORTAL RECOMMENDATIONS.—The
16 task force shall make recommendations to the Adminis-
17 trator on the establishment of an internet portal to be
18 used by the Administration to receive and dispense infor-
19 mation and resources with respect to the needs specified
20 in subsection (a)(1)(A) and the programs and services
21 specified in subsection (a)(1)(B). As part of the rec-
22 ommendations, the task force shall identify the internet
23 sites of appropriate programs, services, and organizations,
24 both public and private, to which the internet portal
25 should link.

1 (d) EXISTING MATERIALS.—The task force shall or-
2 ganize and distribute existing materials that inform and
3 educate with respect to the needs specified in subsection
4 (a)(1)(A) and the programs and services specified in sub-
5 section (a)(1)(B).

6 (e) COORDINATION WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SEC-
7 TOR.—In carrying out its responsibilities under this sec-
8 tion, the task force shall coordinate with, and may accept
9 materials and assistance as it deems appropriate from—

10 (1) any subordinate officer of the Adminis-
11 trator;

12 (2) any organization authorized by the Small
13 Business Act to provide assistance and advice to
14 small businesses;

15 (3) other Federal agencies, their officers, or
16 employees; and

17 (4) any other organization, entity, or person not
18 set forth in paragraphs (1), (2), or (3).

19 (f) CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR.—The task force shall
20 have—

21 (1) a Chair, appointed by the Administrator;
22 and

23 (2) a Vice-Chair, appointed by the Adminis-
24 trator in consultation with appropriate organiza-

1 tions, entities, or persons from nongovernmental or-
2 ganizations.

3 (g) MEMBERS.—

4 (1) CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR.—The Chair and
5 the Vice-Chair shall serve as members of the task
6 force.

7 (2) ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—The task force
8 shall have additional members, each of whom shall
9 be appointed by the Chair with the approval of the
10 Administrator. The number of additional members
11 shall be determined by the Chair in consultation
12 with the Administrator, except that—

13 (A) the additional members shall include,
14 for each of the groups specified in paragraph
15 (3), at least 1 member appointed from within
16 that group; and

17 (B) the number of additional members
18 shall not exceed 13.

19 (3) GROUPS REPRESENTED.—The groups re-
20 ferred to in paragraph (2) are as follows:

21 (A) Subject matter experts.

22 (B) Users of information technologies
23 within small businesses.

24 (C) Vendors of information technologies to
25 small businesses.

1 (D) Academics with expertise in the use of
2 information technologies to support business.

3 (E) Small business trade associations.

4 (F) Federal, State, or local agencies en-
5 gaged in securing cyber space.

6 (h) MEETINGS.—

7 (1) FREQUENCY.—The task force shall meet at
8 least 2 times per year, and more frequently if nec-
9 essary to perform its duties.

10 (2) QUORUM.—A majority of the members of
11 the task force shall constitute a quorum.

12 (3) LOCATION.—The Administrator shall des-
13 ignate, and make available to the task force, a loca-
14 tion at a facility under the control of the Adminis-
15 trator for use by the task force for its meetings.

16 (4) MINUTES.—Not later than 90 days after
17 each meeting, the task force shall publish the min-
18 utes of the meeting and shall submit to Adminis-
19 trator any findings or recommendations approved at
20 the meeting. Not later than 60 days after receiving
21 such a submission from the task force, the Adminis-
22 trator shall submit those findings, together with any
23 comments the Administrator considers appropriate,
24 to the Committee on Small Business of the House

1 of Representatives and the Committee on Small
2 Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate.

3 (i) PERSONNEL MATTERS.—

4 (1) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—Each mem-
5 ber of the task force shall serve without pay.

6 (2) DETAIL OF SBA EMPLOYEES.—The Admin-
7 istrator may detail, without reimbursement, any of
8 the personnel of the Small Business Administration
9 to the task force to assist it in carrying out its du-
10 ties. Such a detail shall be without interruption or
11 loss of civil status or privilege.

12 (3) SBA SUPPORT OF THE TASK FORCE.—
13 Upon the request of the task force, the Adminis-
14 trator shall provide to the task force the administra-
15 tive support services that the Administrator and the
16 Chair jointly determine to be necessary for the task
17 force to carry out its duties.

18 (j) NOT SUBJECT TO FEDERAL ADVISORY COM-
19 MITTEE ACT.—The Federal Advisory Committee Act (5
20 U.S.C. App.) does not apply to the task force.

21 (k) STARTUP DEADLINES.—The appointment of the
22 initial set of members shall be completed not later than
23 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and
24 the first meeting of the task force shall be not later than
25 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (l) TERMINATION.—The task force terminates at the
2 end of fiscal year 2010. If, as of the termination date,
3 the task force has not complied with subsection (h)(4)
4 with respect to one or more meetings, then the task force
5 shall continue after the termination date for the sole pur-
6 pose of achieving compliance with subsection (h)(4) with
7 respect to those meetings.

8 (m) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
9 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
10 \$100,000 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2010.

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